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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A ~~method for using a personal digital assistant to browse and select program listings, the method, comprising:~~

providing at least one browsing one or more program listings for browsing and for selecting a given program listing, the program listings presented on the personal digital assistant (PDA) through the use of a local electronic program guide (EPG) stored on the PDA;

~~where a program corresponding to the given program listing is not being aired when selected, receiving, by the PDA, a reminder marking for a program that is not currently being aired, the given program for a reminder in the local electronic program guide; and~~

~~synchronizing the reminder in the local electronic program guide with a remote electronic program guide running on a remote device.~~

sending, the reminder marking to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG, during synchronization between the local EPG on the PDA and the remote EPG on the STT, the synchronization being performed only after it is determined that the PDA is in direct communication with the STT.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving a selection of a second program that is currently being aired; and tuning the second program on a display device where the program corresponding to the given program listing is being aired when selected.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~comprising:~~ wherein the reminder marking indicates when for a recording device in communication with the STT to automatically record the program.

~~marking the given program listing in the local electronic program guide with a video record mark, the mark indicating that the program associated with the given program listing is to be recorded at its air time; and~~

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~~synchronizing the video record mark in the local program guide with the remote electronic program guide running on a remote device.~~

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 34 comprising
~~marking the given program listing in the local electronic program guide with a video record mark, the mark indicating that the program associated with the given program listing is to be recorded at it's air time; and~~
sending, by the PDA, a plurality of copying one or more parameters associated with the given program listing to thea recording device, the parameter to instruct the recording device to record the program associated with the given program listing.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of copying one or more parameters are selected from a group consisting of:~~ comprises copying a channel the program is airing on, a title of the program, a start time of the program, an end time of the program, and a description of the program.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying the reminder marking the given program for a reminder in a calendar application on the PDApersonal digital assistant.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
issuing an alert when the given program is scheduled to air.
8. (Currently amended) A ~~system for using a personal digital assistant to browse and select program listings, the system,~~ comprising:
a program listing server to distribute program guide data over a distribution network;

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a local electronic program guide (EPG) for presenting a plurality of program listings and for receiving a reminder marking; and

a mobile computing device having local storage for storing thea local EPG, the mobile computing device for receiving the program listings over a network from a program listing server; electronic program guide, the mobile computing device operative to receive the program guide data, which is presented by the local electronic program guide, the local program guide further operative to receive input to set a recording mark or a future program reminder; and

a remote electronic program guide operative to synchronize the recording mark or future program reminder set on the local program guide.

wherein the reminder marking is sent from the mobile computing device to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG, during synchronization between the local EPG and the remote EPG, the synchronization being performed only after it is determined that the mobile computing device is in direct communication with the STT.

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the mobile computing device iscomprises a personal digital assistant.
10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the local storage on the mobile computing device storesecomprises a calendar software program.
11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the calendar software program records the future program reminder marking.
12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the future program reminder marking includes data selected from the group consisting of: comprises a broadcast channel, a program title, a start time and an end time.
13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 12 wherein thea calendar software program issues an alert atwhen the start time is arrived at.

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14. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the personal digital assistant is operative to synchronize the recording mark with a recording device.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A system, comprising:

a local electronic program guide (EPG) software program to provide a plurality of program listings for browsing, selecting, and for reminder marking, the program listings being received from a program listing server via a network; and

a personal digital assistant (PDA) including a local storage device for storing the local EPG software program, the program listings, and at least one reminder marking;

wherein the reminder marking is sent from the PDA to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG software program, during synchronization between the local EPG software program and the remote EPG software program, the synchronization being performed only after it is determined that the PDA is in direct communication with the STT.

20. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the reminder marking indicates when a program starts.

21. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the reminder marking indicates when for a recording device in communication with the STT to automatically record a program.

22. (New) The system of claim 19, further comprising:

a personal information management (PIM) software program to display the reminder marking on a calendar, the PIM software program being stored on the local storage device on the PDA.

23. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving, by a personal digital assistant (PDA), a plurality of program listings from a program listing server via a network;

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providing, by a local electronic program guide (EPG) software program, the program listings for browsing, selecting, and for reminder marking, the local EPG software program being stored on a local storage device on the PDA;

storing at least one reminder marking on the local storage device on the PDA;
and

sending, by the PDA, the reminder marking to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG software program, during synchronization between the local EPG software program on the PDS and the remote EPG software program on the STT;

wherein the synchronization is performed only after it is determined that the PDA is in direct communication with the STT.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the reminder marking indicates when a program starts.

25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the reminder marking indicates when for a recording device in communication with the STT to automatically record a program.

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